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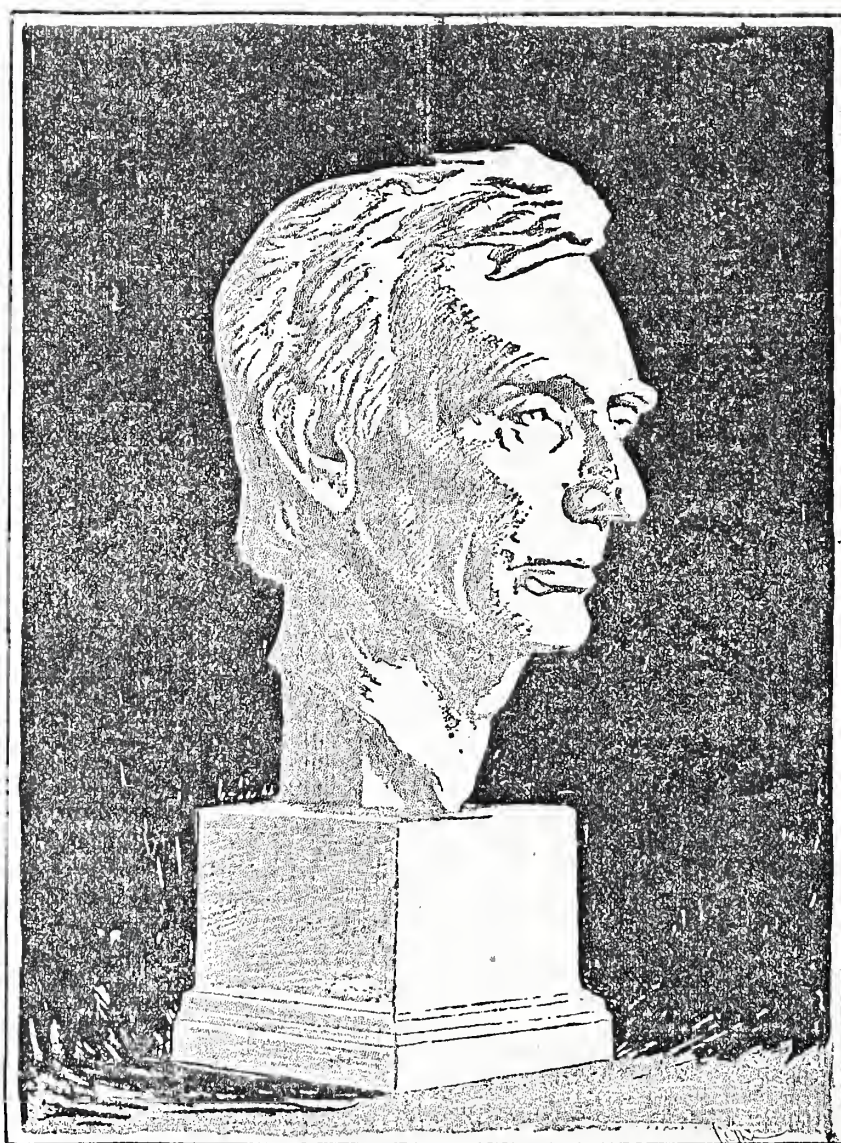
# Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Alexander Doyle

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Boyle



ALEXANDER DOYLE'S PORTRAIT BUST OF LINCOLN, TO BE ERECTED "SOMEWHERE IN  
Holly Star EUROPE" AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR. 2-12-18

Nov. 21, 1864





Sketch model in plaster of  
Lincoln made by Alexander  
Doyle, Sculptor in 1921 at  
Dedham - Mass

For further information  
write to

Mrs Charles F. Strebig  
(daughter)

Dummit  
New Jersey

Mr Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr Warren.

The enclosed letter to Governor  
Homer explains why I am writing to  
you and if you know of any proposed  
Lincoln memorial to be erected, I will  
appreciate advising me.

Very Truly Yours  
Grace D. Strebig

March 12-1934

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Governor Henry Horner.

My dear Governor Horner,

I realize that you are not an information bureau for your state but I am in need of some, and do not know where else to ask for it.

My father was Alexander Dayle, the sculptor, who died in 1922, and whose works are well known in the South and Washington.

Just before he died he had completed a statue of Lincoln which he intended to present to Italy where he was educated.

The last son of Lincoln who died within a few years, told my father that it was the finest likeness of his father



that had ever been modelled.

Finances have made it impossible to carry out the original plan and I am anxious to sell the sketch model as it stands ready for casting, at a fraction of what a sculptor would ask today.

Do you know of any city in Illinois which plans a Lincoln Memorial and would like a fine piece of work at a figure within reach of popular subscription.

I will not burden you with pictures, or further details, but will be very grateful for any clue which will assist in a disposal of this work.

My father made and gave to the

MRS. CHARLES F. STREBIG

11 LENOX RD.  
SUMMIT, N. J.

City of Steubenville, Ohio a bronze  
figure of Henry Stanton. And they have  
been considering purchasing this, but  
cannot seem to find the money, small  
as it is.

I hope you will pardon me for taking  
your time with such a trivial matter.  
But the disposal means much to my mother  
who has been an invalid for many years.

I thank you and remain.

Very Truly Yours.  
Grace Doyle Strebig.

February 28-1933



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHICAGO, PRESIDENT  
LAURENCE M. LARSON, URBANA  
ALBERT BRITT, GALESBURG  
PAUL M. ANGLE, LIBRARIAN

March 8, 1934

Mrs. E. L. Cornwall,  
Governor's Office,  
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Cornwall:

With reference to the enclosed letter I regret to say that I do not know of any possible purchaser of the model in question. Louis A. Warren, care of the Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana, would be more likely to know of a prospective purchaser than any one of my acquaintance.

I am returning the letter because I thought you might wish to answer it in the Governor's name.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul M. Angle.*

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Statues

March 15, 1934

Mrs. Charles F. Strebig  
11 Lenox Rd.  
Summit, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Strebig:

We are pleased to know that you have available for casting a study of Abraham Lincoln and we take pleasure in enclosing some addresses which we hope will put you in touch with new contemplated Lincoln statues.

The fact that your Lincoln is a smooth-faced Lincoln will naturally limit it to Western Cities, unless the New England towns where Lincoln visited in 1848 might be interested in the project.

There are several statues now in the process of being placed, but I think the sculptor work has already been accepted. I refer to the ones at Metamora, Illinois, Rockford, Illinois, Milwaukee, and Indianapolis.

One which has been under contemplation for some time at Kansas City has, as far as I know, not been selected. You might write to Patriot and Pioneers Memorial Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Missouri.

You might also write to Mr. C. E. Dowling, Assistant Guide Master at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who has some idea of starting a campaign for raising funds to erect a Lincoln statue.

If other information comes to me about prospective statues I will be pleased to take the matter up with you immediately as I think you have a very fine model of Lincoln.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation



MRS. CHARLES F. STREBIG

11 LENOX RD.  
SUMMIT, N. J.

Dr Louis C. Warren  
Fort Wayne,  
Ind.

My dear Dr Warren.

My conscience has troubled  
me because of not having replied to your very  
kind letter of March 15.

I wrote at once to the Patriots and Pioneers  
Memorial Foundation, Chamber of Commerce,  
Kansas City. Mo., sending all information  
pictures and price of the Lincoln cast.  
And today my letter has been returned marked  
"unknown".

Pending more information I will send the  
same to the Sioux Falls address.

I am also going to send you some good

pictures of the seated Lincoln and one of  
just a head, which may be had in bronze at  
\$300. A few of these have been cast and have  
been very favorably commented on.

It is similar to the seated figure but is not  
the same.

At a gallery or from a living sculptor the  
price would be much more but I would like  
to have the head alone more widely known.

I thank you very much for your interest  
and very promptly reply to me.

Very truly yours,  
Grace D. Strebig.

Mar-26-1934

## CHARLES A. JONES

139 TIBET ROAD  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

March 29, 1934

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana


Dear Dr. Warren :

I bring to your attention a leaflet which has been issued concerning a proposal to honor President Lincoln with a marker relative to his speech on the Ohio state house grounds, September 16, 1859. We would appreciate having your opinion as to the relative importance of this address. Although substantially the same as the one he gave at Cincinnati a day or so later, it did not attract local attention to the extent of the Cincinnati address and does not receive much attention in the general discussions of Mr. Lincoln's life. Nevertheless, it seems to a group of influential young men here to merit a marker.

The location of this address - in its present setting - would indicate the type of marker best fitted would be a bronze statue of Mr. Lincoln. Could you advise as to the probable cost of such a marker? Under the circumstances, it would not be possible to have an original creation, but it might be possible to secure a reproduction of some good bronze already in existence.

Thanking you for your reply,

Sincerely yours,

  
C.A. Jones



If this seems to be too expensive, as soon as Dr. Warren returns to his desk, he will give you further information and

April 4, 1934

Mr. Charles A. Jones  
139 Tibet Road  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear sir:

Dr. Warren is convalescing at a local hospital where he has been confined for two weeks, and has asked me to answer your letter and advise you that there is now available a smooth face Lincoln which can be acquired from the widow of the sculptor, Mrs. Charles F. Strebbig, 11 Benox Road, Summit, New Jersey.

It represents Lincoln as he appeared just at the time he delivered his famous speech at Columbus.

If this seems to be too expensive, as soon as Dr. Warren returns to his desk, he will give you further information about other available statues.

Enclosed please find bulletin giving list of statues in America.

Very sincerely,

Ellen Herendeen  
Secretary to Dr. Warren



Statues available

April 4, 1934

Mrs. Charles F. Strebig  
11 Lenox Road  
Summit, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Strebig:

Dr. Warren is in the hospital convalescing from an appendicitis operation and has asked me to inform you that Mr. Charles A. Jones, 139 Tibet Road, Columbus, Ohio, has just made inquiry about available Lincoln statues and your name has been forwarded to him.

Very sincerely,

Eileen Herendsen  
Secretary to Dr. Warren

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